

### **COMMUNITY BRIEFING**

#### **Westminster Police Department**

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#### Words from Chief Hall

I am excited to bring you another edition of the *Community Briefing* newsletter, describing the people and programs of the Westminster Police Department.

There are many good things taking place at the Department, and we appreciate your interest in them. Please note the many awards WPD employees have recently received, achievements in our grant pro-

grams, and all the new faces, both sworn and civilian.

As always, we encourage you to share this newsletter with others and hope you will forward it to someone you know. We also welcome your candid feedback on any of the topics contained in it. Your interest in the Department helps us in many ways, and we are very grateful for it.

#### **Remembering Our Fallen Heroes**

On May 15, 2006, Sergeant John Leahy and Special Services Clerk Gina Wolland attended the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at Washington, D.C., on behalf of the WPD. They attended the ceremony in memory of Lieutenant Ron Weber, Sr., and Motor Officer Steve Phillips.



Every year, thousands of people pay tribute to the nation's fallen law enforcement heroes during the National Police Week held in May. The Westminster Police Offi-



cers Association (WPOA) sponsors two employees (one sworn officer and one civilian personnel) to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the memorial.

**Lieutenant Ron Weber, Sr.**, passed away on June 6, 2003, after 24 years of service with Westminster.

Motor Officer Steve Phillips was fatally injured in a vehicle accident while he was on duty on January 29, 2004. He had been with the department for 18 years.





#### In Memory of Councilman Russell C. Paris

Councilman Russell C. Paris passed away on March 7, 2006, after a long battle with cancer. His memorial service was held

at the Crystal Cathedral a week later. Representing the police department, the **WPD Honor Guard** accompanied the councilman's casket and performed other ceremonial duties.



Many WPD employees also attended the service to pay their respect to the family of Councilman Paris.



## Police Chief filling in as Interim City Manager

When the past city manager ended her employment with

the City, the Council asked **Chief Andy Hall** to serve as *Interim City Manager* until a replacement is found. He agreed and is now spending most of his time at City Hall. So, is anyone in charge of the police department?



Of course! Chief Hall assures the City Council and the community that the police department and its command structure remain on solid ground. He named **Captain Mitch Waller** as *Acting Chief of Police* in order to have someone pay attention to things full-time. This allows the police department to conduct its day-to-day business as usual. Rest assured that the community will continue to receive excellent police services from the WPD!

#### WPD Honor Guard



From Left to Right: Officers Brian Perez, Benjamin Jaipream, Anthony Orban, Bill Drinnin, Jeremy Fletcher, Rafaelo Papale, Jason Stouffer, and Stan Watanabe.

The **WPD Honor Guard** keeps a busy schedule. In the past few months, they have participated in and attended:

- Opening ceremony of the Coastline Community College
- Funeral of Councilman Russell Paris
- Mayor's State of the City Luncheon
- California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremonies in Sacramento
- Orange County Peace Officer's Memorial in Santa Ana, and
- City's Flag Day ceremony

Members of the WPD Honor Guard train on a regular basis. They perform ceremonial duties such as accompanying caskets at funerals and presenting the Colors of the Flag. We salute their hard work and dedication to the community!

#### Beach Boulevard Dedication



On June 5, 2006, a portion of Beach Boulevard (or State Highway 39) that falls within City boundaries was officially dedicated to fallen Motor Officer Steve Phillips. The stretch between the Garden Grove Freeway (22) and the San Diego Freeway (I-405) will now be known as the "Westminster Police Officer Steven L Phillips Memorial Highway."



From Left to Right: Chief Hall (holding picture of Motor Officer Phillips), Officer Phillips's widow Sandy, and father Robert, Sr.

Speakers at the event included Chief Hall, Mayor Margie Rice (pictured right), Huntington Beach Police Officer Jeff Huss,



and Orange
County
Supervisor
Lou Correa
(pictured
left), who



proposed the dedication to the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the State Legislature in 2005.

Funds for both signs on Beach Blvd. were raised privately by the Westminster Police Officers Association and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class from De-Mille Elementary School (pictured below).



## City Honors Long-time WPD Employees

Join us in congratulating WPD's long-time employees, who just received their "Service Pins" from the City.

#### 30 Years of Service to WPD

Reserve Officer Tommy Rackleff Reserve Officer Terry Selinske

#### 25 Years of Service to WPD

Special Services Clerk Lupe Eason Chief Andy Hall Sergeant John Leahy (Retired) Sergeant Dwight Moore



From Left to Right: Councilman Andy Quach, Lupe Eason, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry, Mayor Margie Rice, Dwight Moore, Councilman Kermit Marsh, Andy Hall, and John Leahy.

#### 20 Years of Service to WPD

Captain Ron Coopman
Traffic Investigator Doug Johnson
Officer Robin Kapp
Sergeant Mark Nye



From Left to Right: Councilman Quach, Mayor Pro Tem Fry, Ron Coopman, Mayor Rice, and Councilman Marsh.

#### 15 Years of Service to WPD

Lieutenant Kevin Baker Reserve Officer Gary Hooper Records Specialist Cindy Reissig Sergeant Cliff Williams James Youden



From Left to Right: Gary Hooper, Councilman Andy Quach, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry, Mayor Margie Rice, Councilman Kermit Marsh, and other City employees.

#### WPD Promotes Cord Vandergrift to Police Sergeant

The WPD is pleased to announce the promotion of **Cord Vandergrift** to Police Sergeant. Cord was sworn in by Chief Andy Hall on May 26, 2006, and he will be assigned to the Patrol Division.



Cord began his law enforcement career here at Westminster in 1996. This 10-year veteran has extensive experience in police work. His past special assignments include being: a member of the SWAT team, a motor officer, a field training officer, and a recruitment officer. Cord has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, and he will soon complete his graduate program for a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Congratulations, Sergeant Cord Vandergrift!

#### **Myspace.com** Training

WPD hosted a series of educational Internet seminars in April-June 2006 to teach parents how to navigate *MySpace.com* and keep their children safe from cyber predators. *MySpace.com* is the most widely used website and is highly popular among teens.



Detectives Dave Ferronato (standing top left) and Alan Iwashita (sitting at podium) spoke to local parents during a meeting.

Open to the public, these seminars "What Every Parent Should Know about MySpace" were taught by WPD personnel, including: Sergeant Dan Schoonmaker; Officers Dave Bridgewaters and Rachel Zappala; Detectives Dave Ferronato, Alan Iwashita, and Kevin MacCormick; and Information Technician Anh Truong. Seminar topics included introduction to the site, how a profile is created, accessibility, and safety tips for parents and children.

For more information about upcoming seminars, contact **Sergeant Dan Schoonmaker** at 714-898-3315, ext. 408 or <a href="mailto:dans@ewpd.org">dans@ewpd.org</a>.

#### <u>Update on the Use of</u> <u>Federal & State Funds</u>

From time to time, we will provide an update on how grant funds are being used by the WPD.

#### **Forensics Grant**

We spent almost \$34,000 of federal money from the U.S. Department of Justice to purchase several pieces of equipment for our Forensic Services Unit. One such equipment is a CyanoSafe Filtered Cyanoacrylate Fuming Chamber. It processes latent fingerprint evidence on non-porous surfaces, such as metal, glass, and plastic.



This chamber is four feet in height and has a large capacity for evidence processing. Recently, Forensic Technician Sara Nguyen (pictured above) was able to use the chamber to process a VCR and develop fingerprint details on it.

#### **DUI Grant**



Started in October 2005, **W.I.D.E.** (<u>Westminster Impaired Driver Enforcement</u>) funds have enabled the WPD to conduct special DUI enforcement and educate the public on the dangers of driving under the influence.

In the first 6 months of this twoyear grant program, our officers were able to:

- Make 547 DUI Enforcement Stops on suspected drunk drivers
- Give **108** Field Sobriety Tests
- Arrest 66 drunk drivers
- Impound 50 cars from drunk drivers



Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the

California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

#### More Grant News Interval House Donation

On March 15, 2006, the WPD received a grant donation from **Interval House Crisis Shelter** in the amount of \$12,150. The organization expressed strong appreciation for their partnership with the police department and asked the funds to be used to support our work against domestic violence.



From Left to Right: Cindy Tran, Jayshree Patel, Mary Ann Lam Bui, Maria Markova, Chief Hall, Janine Limas, Christine Delabre, and Inshirah Oweini.

## Free Amber Alerts on your wireless phones







The Wireless Foundation and the membership of CTIA-The Wireless Association® have partnered with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to deliver AMBER Alerts to wireless phones. To activate this free service on your personal wireless phone, please go to: <a href="https://www.wirelessamberalerts.org">www.wirelessamberalerts.org</a>

## **Evaluating Grants State Invitation to WPD**

The California Attorney General's Office, in conjunction with the California Department of Education, invited two WPD employees to assist their offices in reviewing grant proposals submitted for the "School Community Violence Prevention Program."



In early April 2006, Research Director Julia Jim and Lieutenant Bill Lewis spent a week in Sacramento receiving training and evaluating proposals. Both learned a great deal from this experience, and it will greatly enhance our ability to better prepare future grant proposals for the police department.

#### Special Awards And Community Recognition



Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Council of Orange County

**Officer Alan Aoki** was honored as an "Outstanding Asian & Pacific Islander

Americans in Law Enforcement" at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration on May 11, 2006.



Please join us in saluting Alan!

### "Baker to Vegas" Relay Run Result

This year's "Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Run" took place on April 1-2, 2006. Once again, WPD partnered with Foun-



tain Valley PD to complete the 120-mile relay race course.



Team Captain

Property Clerk

Holly Tran is
happy to report
that the finish time
was 17 hours, 59
minutes, and 18
seconds. Our
team placed 17<sup>th</sup>
out of 23 teams in

their category. Congratulations and good job everyone!

### ASIS International Public Service Award

ASIS, an international association of security professionals, honored **Officer Bill Eifert** on May 24, 2006, with the ASIS International Public Service



Award. He was recognized for his work in investigating and solving a residential burglary case involving 4 suspects. Congratulations, Bill!

### Orange County Human Relations Commission

The Orange County Human Relations Commission presented WPD with the "Awards 35" Community Oriented Policing Departmental Award at the Council Meeting on May 31, 2006.



One of the award certificates

"Awards 35" honors outstanding people for their exemplary contributions to human relations in schools, communities and police departments. WPD was recognized for our work on the *Chief's Advisory Council* and the *Police Mental Health Team*.

#### "10851" Pin CHP and AAA

On June 5, 2006, **Officer Daniel McCarthy** was awarded the "10851" pin (10851 is the vehicle code section for auto theft) from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA).



Sergeant Jim Kingsmill (left) presented Officer Dan McCarthy (right) with his "10851" pin and certificate.

This award honors officers who have made a difference in combating vehicle thefts in their respective cities during last year (2005). Officer McCarthy recovered 19 stolen cars (3 of which were occupied) and arrested four suspects who were caught in the act of driving these stolen cars. Congratulations to Dan!

#### Front Counter Hours

7:00am - 7:00pm, Every Day

#### **Phone Number**

714-898-3315, extensions 371, 372, 373, 374, or 375



Ask Your
Questions
jackd@ewpd.org

(714) 898-3315 Extension 723

Lt. Jack Davidson

**Question:** "Is street racing a problem in Westminster?"



Any street racing threatens the health and safety of the public, inter-

feres with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and creates a public nuisance. Fortunately, street racing is not particularly a problem in Westminster. However, our officers do encounter and cite street racers. We are always mindful of changes in driving behavior and

patterns, and we will work closely



with the community to identify problems as they surface.

California Vehicle Code § 23109 defines motor vehicle speed contests and exhibitions of speed (commonly known as street or drag races) conducted on public streets and highways as being ille-



gal. Convicted violators can be sentenced from 30 days to one year in jail, and their cars will

be impounded for up to 30 days.

The most important component in preventing street racing is education. *Note to parents*: As you

teach your children how to drive a car, educate them also on the



dangers and consequences associated with street racing.

If you notice a street racing problem in your neighborhood, please call our **Dispatch Center at 714-898-3315**, extensions 326 or 328.

#### Fact or Myth?

Frequently Asked Questions

Let this column help separate facts and myths about police work!

Myth. It's OK to just hang up if I dialed 9-1-1 by mistake... no harm, no foul!

**Fact.** Not true! If you have dialed 9-1-1 by mistake, you should stay on the line and explain to the dispatcher what happened and that you do not have an emergency. Otherwise, for your safety, the dispatcher will spend time trying

to call you back, or even send police offi-



cers to your address to make sure you are safe. This will take time and resources away from real emergencies.

**Myth**. The police will sometimes let a woman flirt or cry her way out of a traffic ticket.



Fact. Crying or flirting will not get you out of a ticket. In fact, these tactics usually have the opposite effect.

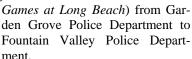
#### Missed our last issue?

You can now read and print past issues of the *Community Briefing* on our website! Go to <a href="https://www.westminster-ca.gov">www.westminster-ca.gov</a>, click on "Police Department" for a link to the WPD homepage. You can find the newsletters under "Community Outreach."

## Special Olympics Torch Run

The WPD participated in the 2006 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics on June 16.

Runners completed a 5-mile leg in the relay to pass the "Flame of Hope" (destined for the Summer



#### Traffic Bureau

#### **Your Question**

O: "To Tint or Not To Tint...?"

A: Tinted windows on a vehicle can look cool, and it can help to create a cooler environment inside the car. However, it is a violation of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) to have any tint on the front windows of a vehicle.



CVC Section 26708(a) states that, "No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any object or material placed, displayed, installed, affixed, or applied upon the windshield or side or rear windows."

This section ensures that drivers have an unobstructed view of the roadway. There are also certain circumstances when drivers need to actually make eye contact with each other or pedestrians in order to make certain movements safely. Tinting (in any shade) is allowed on the side and rear windows of a vehicle, provided that the vehicle

is equipped with two side view mirrors. The best way to remember the rule on tinted windows is that there can be no tint on windows that are forward of the driver's shoulders.



Traffic citations will be issued for the violation of this vehicle code. You will be required to remove the tint and pay a fine.

Please remember to drive safely during the summer driving season!

#### Police Department News

#### Employee of the Month January 2006

Police Dispatcher
Dawn Albert
(right) and Records Specialist
Cindy Reissig
(below) went
above and beyond
the call of duty as
they overhauled



our Dispatch training program. They updated it with an innovative approach: using a new manual, up-



to-date learning materials, and new methods of testing trainees.

Thanks for facilitating

facilitating this long overdue process

for all new and next generation dispatchers! The results of your efforts will undoubtedly make a positive difference for the community!

## Officer of the Month January 2006



While patrolling the Westminster Mall parking lot, Officer Alan Aoki noticed an unauthorized vehicle in a handicapped spot. A license plate check revealed that the car was reported stolen. As Officer Aoki was calling for backup, the driver of the stolen vehicle ran out of Sears, threw merchandise into the vehicle, and sped away. Officer Aoki quickly pulled him over and arrested the burglary suspect. Officer Aoki's vigilance and commitment to parking enforcement quickly helped solve a burglary, recovered stolen merchandise and vehicle, and arrested a bad guy. Excellent job!

## Officer of the Month February 2006



Soon after taking a report for purse snatching/robbery, Officer Nick Tran received a call from the victim's daughter, who told him that the perpetrators had just used the stolen credit card. Accompanied by backup officers, Officer Tran immediately went to the location of the transactions, a local motel, and found five suspects in one of the rooms. He arrested them, recovered the stolen property, and later obtained confessions. Officer Tran's tenacity helped get five purse snatchers off the street. Great job!

#### Officer of the Month March 2006



Officer Al Brackett responded to a call of a transient arguing with local business employees. Upon arrival. Officer Brackett noticed that the transient bore a familiar resemblance to the description of a failed kidnapping and sexual battery suspect still on the loose from the night before. After finding the transient in possession of drugs, Officer Brackett was able to place him under arrest. On his own initiative, Officer Brackett contacted the victim from the previous night and administered a photo lineup. The victim identified the suspect, and kidnapping charges were filed. Brackett's impressive memory and attention to details led to the arrest of a suspect!

#### Officer of the Month April 2006



A woman called the police to report that her wallet and keys were stolen by her ex-boyfriend, who had come into her house while she hid in fear. Officer Scott Gump responded to her house to investigate. Instead of taking just a basic crime report, Officer Gump had the woman call her ex-boyfriend to "come over" to talk. The exboyfriend returned to the house, and to his surprise, found Officer Gump waiting for him. Despite initial denials of any wrongdoing, the ex-boyfriend eventually confessed to the burglary. Officer Gump went above and beyond his duty; his perseverance led to the suspect's return to the scene, a confession, an arrest, and the recovery of the stolen property.

#### Quality Customer Service Award

Police Intern Lindsey Cleland

When 3 children were at the WPD while their family was being questioned, **Police In-**



tern Lindsey Cleland volunteered to supervise them. Upon the end of her shift, the children begged her to stay longer. Lindsey agreed, without knowing how much longer the children would need to be supervised. She stayed with them for an additional 6½ hours beyond the end of her shift. What would have been an emotionally stressful experience for these children turned out to be a positive and fun encounter with the police. Thanks Lindsey, for making a difference!

#### Police Officers Matt Edinger & Steve Booth

Officers Matt Edinger (right) and Steve Booth (below) both went out of their way to assist a struggling single mom, who did not have enough



food to feed herself and her son.



Using their own money, these officers surprised the family with approximately \$125 worth of groceries and needed household products. This token of compas-

sion made the mother cry happy tears, and she was very thankful of these officers' actions, stating "It's like Christmas." Great job!

#### **New Faces at WPD**

Officers-in-Training

**Officers Steve Eifert** (*left*) and **Jeremy Hill** (*right*) are new additions to the WPD. They were sworn in by Chief Hall on March 27, 2006. Both officers graduated from the Goldenwest Criminal Justice Training Academy.



Before becoming a police officer, Steve was a jailer at the WPD. He is very familiar with our City and the Department. Jeremy follows his father's footstep in becoming an officer. He graduated in the top 5 of his police academy class.

#### Crime Analyst

Chief Hall sworn in **Crime Analyst Elizabeth Yee** on April 12, 2006, and welcomed her to WPD.



Elizabeth has spent the last 2 years at the Irvine Police Department, and she has also worked at a private background firm for 3 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California, Irvine, and is currently taking graduate courses at the California State University, Long Beach, for a Master's degree in Criminal Justice.

#### Animal Control Officer

Sworn in on April 24, 2006, Animal Control Officer Erik Ruval-

**caba** is now responding to calls for services related to animal issues.



Erik is bilingual, and he has previously worked for the cities of Torrance and Long Beach.

#### Police Dispatcher

Police Dispatcher Ray Leong officially joined the WPD on May

22, 2006. He was a dispatcher at the San Francisco Police Department for the last 5 years. Ray speaks Chinese and has



dispatch trainer experience. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Psychology from St. Mary's College. Welcome aboard, Ray!

#### Records Specialist

**Records Specialist Lindsey Cleland** became a full-time WPD employee on May 26, 2006 when she was sworn in by Chief Hall.



Lindsey has been working here at the WPD for a little over two years as a Police Intern. She began working here when she was a senior in high school, and now attends junior college. Lindsey will be assigned to the Records Bureau. Her favorite part about working in Records is being able to interact with the public on a daily basis.

#### Forensic Technician

Although she started working fulltime in November 2005, **Forensic Technician Sara Nguyen** was officially sworn in by Chief Hall on June 1, 2006.



Sara started her career at WPD as an Intern in February 2000, and she spent the next 4 years assigned to different bureaus. From September 2004 to November 2005, Sara worked part-time at our Forensic Services Unit.

#### Retirement

Officer Richard Weathersbee

retired from police work on March 23, 2006, ending a 17-year career with the WPD. Richard was hired as a police officer



by Westminster in October 1989. He had been assigned to the Patrol Division his entire career.

Many people may not realize this, but Richard chose to spend almost his entire career at the WPD working on the night shift. This is physically demanding and can create "wear and tear" on a person's body, but somehow, Richard was able to persevere. This is a testament to his service to the community. He will be missed by his peers, and we wish him every success and happiness in his future endeavors!

Sergeant
Dwight Moore
retired on May
13, 2006, after
26½ years of
service to the
WPD. His
career began as
a patrol officer
on January 22,



1981. Six years later, he was promoted to Detectives. A notable accomplishment during his time in Detectives included investigating the first DNA evidence case *ever* prosecuted in Orange County. Dwight was also a SWAT Team member for several years.

Dwight was promoted to Sergeant in December 1989. Over the past 17 years, he has served as a Patrol Field Supervisor, Metro Team Supervisor, Dispatch Supervisor, and Hostage Negotiator/Supervisor on the West Orange County SWAT Team. Dwight was a recipient of the 2002 Westminster Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award.



Mayor Pro Tem Frank Fry (left) presented Sergeant Dwight Moore with a City Resolution.

Dwight's retirement elicits sad emotions for all of us who worked with him. He was an extremely valued employee and incredibly well-liked by his co-workers. Dwight will be deeply missed by the organization and its members, and we wish him well!

# Behind the Scenes: Meet the Employees Who Work Inside the WPD



This is the fourth issue where we introduce you to civilian staff members who

have important jobs inside the police building. Past focus has been on *Administration*, *Records Bureau*, and *Information & Technology Unit*.

#### Property Division

**Property Clerks Karen Rackleff** 



Haren Rackien (pictured) and Holly Tran are responsible for receiving, documenting, and storing all property booked in as evidence, recovered stolen property, lost &

found property, and items held in safekeeping for known owners.

If the police have taken items from your home or business, or if you would like to claim property currently in police custody, please call either **Karen or Holly at 714-898-3315, ext. 309** (Monday to Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) *before* heading to the police department. That way, our Property Clerks will have adequate time to locate your items and determine if they can indeed be released to you.

## Recent Accomplishments

### Graduate: FBI National Academy

On March 17, 2006, **Lieutenant Derek Marsh** successfully completed and graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico,

Virginia.

Participation at the FBI National Academy is by invitation only, and



attendees represent leaders and managers of law enforcement agencies from around the world. This 10-week curriculum includes instruction on the best practices of police management and the proper manner to conduct and manage criminal investigations.

### Program Completion: Harvard Law School

**Lieutenant Kevin Baker** completed the *Program on Negotiation for Senior Executives* at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts on April 22, 2006.



The one-week program, a university consortium of Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Tufts University, is designed to improve the theory and practice of conflict resolution and negotiation. The program was host to CEOs and leaders of private industry from around the world providing a significant educational experience of negotiation theory and practical application.

#### Graduate: Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute

Congratulations to **Sergeant Darrick Vincent**, who graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) on May 3, 2006!



Sergeant Darrick Vincent is congratulated by program facilitators Mike Yoell (left) and Dave Johnson (right).

This 8-month program is designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decisionmaking in law enforcement frontline supervisors. SBSLI is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques. Students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.

#### Graduate: Master's Degree Programs

In May 2006, four members of the Detective Bureau graduated from their respective Master's degree programs.

On May 13, 2006, Sergeant Tom Finley, Sergeant Michael Chapman and Detective Ron Weber, Jr., were conferred with their Master's degrees in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. In addition, they all earned certificates in Servant Leadership.



From Left to Right: Detectives Dave Ferronato and Ron Weber, Jr.; Sergeants Tom Finley and Mike Chapman.

Detective Dave Ferronato earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach, on May 24, 2006. He was also given a certificate for being on the "Graduate Dean's List of Scholars and Artists."

Congratulations to all for their dedication to improving themselves and enhancing the services they provide to the community!

#### Westminster Police Officers Association Events & News

"Project 999" Memorial Bike Ride

The Westminster Police Officers Association (WPOA) sponsored a team of bicycle riders that success-

fully completed a 630-mile journey from the Sacramento Police Memorial to the Orange County Police Memorial.



Riders participate in "Project 999" to raise funds to ease financial burdens on families of officers killed or severely injured in the line of duty. This year, over

\$55,000.00 was raised!

We would like to congratulate the following WPD personnel who met this challenge:



Detective Dave Ferronato Detective Kevin MacCormick Sergeant Dan Schoonmaker Lieutenant Kevin Baker Captain Mitch Waller

Special thanks also go to members of the WPD Support Team: **Detective Alan Iwashita**, **Traffic Investigator Doug Johnson**, and **Dispatcher Stephanie Subia**!

#### Fallen Officer Memorial Ride & Poker Fun

Approximately 350 people showed up for the third annual "Steve Phillips Fallen Officer Memorial Ride" on June 4, 2006. Over 200 motorcycles rode the course, and they raised \$8,700!



All proceeds will go to the construction of the WPD Police Memorial at the Civic Center.

#### Police Department Phone Numbers

If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1!



For non-emergency or other business, call (714) 898-3315

General Information	ext. 425
Dispatch	ext. 326
Records Bureau	ext. 371
Traffic Division	ext. 339
Administration	ext. 301

#### E-mail List

If you would like to be on our newsletter e-mail list, please let



us know by sending your name and e-mail address to admin@ewpd.org.



Mayor Margie L. Rice Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Fry Councilman Kermit Marsh Councilman Andy Quach

We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Westminster City Council for their support and commitment to public safety!

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